

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Food Corporation of India recently organised a five-day conference emphasizing the role of Information Technology in food and farm marketing;
- (b) if so, the details of the participants in the conference, organisation-wise and country-wise; and
- (c) the details of the resolutions passed therein and action taken for its implementation?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Food Corporation of India along with Central Warehousing Corporation and National Cooperative Development Corporation jointly organised the Regional Workshop of Association of Food and Agricultural Marketing Agencies in Asia and the Pacific, an agency of FAO in India from 26th to 30th Sept. 2005. The theme of the Workshop was 'Use of Information Technology in Food and Agricultural Marketing in Asia'. The details of the participants are attached as Annexure-I.

(c): The details of the resolutions passed, conclusions arrived at and recommendations made at the workshop are attached as Annexure-II.

FCI has taken several steps for use of Information Technology in its functioning. It has a user-friendly Website which can be accessed at www.fciweb.nic.in. FCI has launched the Integrated Information System for Foodgrains Management (IISFM) Project. The major objective of the Project is to put in place an 'online MIS' to give the stock position in any depot at any given point of time. The scope of the Project has been widened to include 'Computerization of State Agencies' particularly in the States where Decentralized Procurement/Distribution System is adopted. In this Project, hardware has been supplied to all the 891 locations and installation is complete in 877 depots.